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1. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO FORMAL REPLY FROM DUTCH AS TO EC-9

POSITION ON RESUMPTION OF CYPRUS INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD MOVE AHEAD WITH APPROACHES IN ANKARA, ATHENS AND NICOSIA AND WITH A RESPONSE TO WALDHEIM. AS INDICATED IN REF A THE SECRETARY HAS APPROVED OUR SUPPORT FOR WALDHEIM'S SUGGESTION FOR WORKING-LEVEL TALKS IN NICOSIA. AT THE SAME TIME, IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR THAT THE US VIEWS THIS ALTERNATIVE AS A FACILITATIVE STEP TOWARD, NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR, RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS AT SOME EARLY DATE.

2. GIVEN HYPERTENSIVE ATMOSPHERE IN THE AEGEAN NOW, AND OTHER FACTORS, THIS IS CLEARLY NOT AN OPPORTUNE TIME TO PUSH FOR A MAJOR COMMITMENT IN ATHENS, ANKARA OR NICOSIA FOR RESUMPTION OF MEANINGFUL TALKS. HOWEVER, WE CONSIDER THAT FAILURE TO HOLD SOME MEETING PRIOR TO UNGA WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT DIMINUTION OF SCANTY MOMENTUM REMAINING AND THAT WE SHOULD, THEREFORE, GIVE STRONG SUPPORT TO IDEA OF LEDRA PALACE SESSION THIS MONTH OR EARLY SEPTEMBER.

3. FOR USUN: YOU SHOULD SEEK EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO WALDHEIM'S JULY 21 REQUEST FOR US VIEWS. IN YOUR PRESENTATION YOU SHOULD UNDERLINE THE FACT THAT USG APPRECIATES AND SUPPORTS SYG'S ONGOING EFFORTS TO BRING PARTIES TOGETHER. YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT WE WILL SUPPORT IN EVERY APPROPRIATE WAY THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MEETINGS AT LEDRA PALACE AS A MEANS BOTH OF DEALING WITH PRESSING HUMANITARIAN ISSUES.

WITHOUT SOME PROGRESS WE ARE CONCERNED THAT ATMOSPHERE FOR UNGA DEBATE COULD BE SUCH AS TO SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZE THE VERY BASIS FOR FUTURE INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS.

4. FOR OTHER ACTION ADDRESSEES: IN YOUR APPROACHES YOU SHOULD STRESS NEED FOR SOLUTION OF MANY DAY-TO-DAY PROBLEMS WHICH COULD BE RESOLVED WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO POSITIONS ON LARGER ISSUES, AND FACT THAT ALL PARTIES PUBLICLY HAVE EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO RESUME DIALOGUE. OUR SUPPORT FOR NICOSIA TALKS IS BASED ON NEED TO KEEP SOME DISCUSSION GOING AND OUR HOPE THAT LEDRA PALACE TALKS MIGHT ALSO BEGIN

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TO WORK OUT MODALITIES FOR RESUMPTION OF TALKS UNDER WALDHEIM'S DIRECT AEGIS. AS IN PRESIDENT'S LATEST REPORT, WE CONTINUE BELIEVE AREAS OF POSSIBLE AGREEMENT CAN BE DISCOVERED IF BOTH SIDES SIT DOWN AND TALK. KISSINGER

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